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AS PROMISED HERE IS THE LATEST DRAFT OF THE ENERGY
SPEECH. EXPECTATION NOW IS THAT SPEECH MAY NOT BE
GIVEN UNTIL WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

QUOTE GOOD EVENING.

QUOTE I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU VERY FRANKLY TONIGHT
ABOUT A SERIOUS ENERGY PROBLEM WE MUST ALL FACE TO-
GETHER IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

QUOTE AS AMERICA HAS GROWN AND PROSPERED IN RECENT
YEARS, OUR ENERGY NEEDS HAVE BEGUN TO OUTSTRIP AVAILABLE
SUPPLIES. LIKE MANY OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, WE
HAVE ACTED BOLDLY TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE BUT WE HAVE
ALSO COME TO REALIZE THAT A PERIOD OF MODERATE SHORTAGES
IS AVAILABLE.
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QUOTE UNFORTUNATELY, OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS WINTER
HAVE NOW BEEN SHARPLY ALTERED BY THE RECENT CONFLICT
IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AS THE FLAMES OF WAR SWEEP ACROSS
THAT PART OF THE WORLD THREE WEEKS AGO, MOST OF OUR
MIDDLE EASTERN OIL SHIPMENTS WERE CUT OFF. BY THE END

OF THIS MONTH, SOME TWO TO THREE MILLION BARRELS
A DAY OF THE OIL WE EXPECTED TO IMPORT WILL NO LONGER
BE AVAILABLE TO US.

QUOTE EVEN WITHOUT THESE CUTOFFS, IT HAD BEEN
QUESTIONABLE WHETHER WE WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT ENERGY
SUPPLIES THIS WINTER TO MEET OUR NORMAL EVERYDAY
NEEDS. WITH THE CUTOFFS, WE ARE HEADING TOWARD
THE MOST ACUTE SHORTAGES OF ENERGY SINCE THE SECOND
WORLD WAR.

QUOTE AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS THAT WE HAVE BEEN
HOLDING WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, GOVERNORS, CONSUMERS
AND INDUSTRIAL REPRESENTATIVES, I HAVE DECIDED UPON A
COMPREHENSIVE SET OF MEASURES TO MEET THIS PROBLEM HEAD-
ON.

QUOTE THE COURSE I HAVE CHOSEN HAS BOTH SHORT-RANGE
AND LONG-RANGE CONSEQUENCES.

QUOTE IN THE SHORT RUN, IT MEANS WE MUST USE LESS
ENERGY -- THAT WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE WITH LESS HEAT,
LESS ELECTRICITY, AND LESS GASOLINE. IN THE LONG RUN,
IT MEANS THAT WE MUST DEVELOP NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY
WHICH GIVE US THE CAPACITY TO MEET OUR NEEDS WITHOUT
RELYING UPON FOREIGN NATIONS.

QUOTE I WANT TO DISCUSS BOTH THESE SHORT-RUN AND THE
LONG-RUN SOLUTIONS WITH YOU TONIGHT.

QUOTE IN THE SHORT RUN, FUEL WILL BE SCARCE. IN FACT,
I MUST TELL YOU IN ALL CANDOR THAT IF THE CUTOFF
CONTINUES -- AND WE ARE WORKING HARD TO END IT ON
HONORABLE TERMS -- OUR SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM THIS WINTER
WILL BE AT LEAST TEN PERCENT SHORT OF OUR NEEDS -- AND
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COULD FALL AS MUCH AS SEVENTEEN PERCENT SHORT.

QUOTE THIS SITUATION WILL AFFECT THE LIVES OF EACH AND
EVERY ONE OF US.

QUOTE IT MEANS THAT WE WILL HAVE TO CUT BACK AT LEAST
TEN PERCENT IN OUR USE OF HEATING OIL.

QUOTE IT MEANS WE WILL HAVE TO CUT BACK THE SAME AMOUNT
IN OUR USE OF GASOLINE.

QUOTE IT MEANS THAT MORE CLOTHES MAY HAVE TO BE WASHED
IN COLD WATER, THAT SOME SCHOOL SCHEDULES MAY BE RE-
ALIGNED, THAT SOME JET FLIGHTS WILL BE CANCELLED.

QUOTE IN OUR FACTORIES, OUR CARS, OUR HOMES, OUR OFFICES,
WE WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO USE LESS FUEL THAN WE ARE
ACCUSTOMED TO USING.

QUOTE THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE WILL RUN OUT OF GAS
OR THAT AIR TRAVEL WILL STOP OR THAT WE WILL FREEZE
IN OUR HOMES OR APARTMENTS.

QUOTE THE FUEL CRISIS NEED NOT MEAN GENUINE SUFFERING
FOR ANY AMERICANS. BUT IT WILL MEAN SOME SACRIFICE FOR
ALL AMERICANS.

QUOTE THE GREAT CHALLENGE WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT FACES
IS TO BE SURE THAT THESE BURDENS DO NOT BECOME CRIPPLING
-- AND THEY NOT BE ALLOWED TO FALL UNFAIRLY ON ANY
PARTICULAR SEGMENT OF OUR POPULATION. WE MUST BE
SURE THAT OUR MOST VITAL NEEDS ARE MET FIRST -- AND THAT
OUR LEAST IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES ARE THE FIRST TO BE CUT
BACK OR SUSPENDED.

QUOTE TO HELP US CARRY OUT THAT RESPONSIBILITY I AM
TONIGHT ANNOUNCING THE FOLLOWING STEPS.

QUOTE FIRST, INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES WHICH NOW USE
COAL WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM CONVERTING TO THE USE OF
OIL IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THIS STEP SHOULD SAVE US
ABOUT 30,000 BARRELS OF OIL A DAY. IN ADDITION, WE
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WILL ENCOURAGE FACTORIES AND POWER STATIONS AND OTHER
LARGE SCALE USERS OF OIL TO CONVERT TO COAL -- WHICH IS
OUR MOST ABUNDANT FUEL SUPPLY.

QUOTE SECOND, WE ARE GOING TO RATION FUEL FOR JET
AIRPLANES, LEADING TO A REDUCTION OF OVER 10 PERCENT
IN THE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS AND SOME RESCHEDULING OF
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES, BUT PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL WILL
STILL BE ABLE TO GET TO THEIR DESTINATIONS.

QUOTE THIRD, THE SUPPLY OF HOME HEATING OIL WILL BE
REDUCED. IN ORDER TO KEEP YOUR HOME HEATED THIS WINTER
WITH THE AMOUNT OF HEATING OIL WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE,
YOU WILL HAVE TO SET YOUR THERMOSTAT BACK AT LEAST 6
DEGREES -- OR ELSE RUN THE RISK OF AN EMPTY FUEL TANK.
IN SOME CASES, STORES AND OFFICES MAY HAVE TO SHORTEN
THEIR WORKING HOURS IN ORDER TO SAVE FUEL -- BUT WE
HOPE THE NEED FOR SUCH MEASURES WILL BE VERY LIMITED.
IF THESE STEPS ARE TAKEN, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SAVE
OVER A HALF MILLION BARRELS OF HEATING OIL A DAY FROM
WHAT WE WOULD NORMALLY USE.

QUOTE IT MAY LATER BECOME NECESSARY TO TAKE OTHER
ACTIONS AS WELL -- TO RATION GASOLINE, FOR EXAMPLE --

AND IF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE SUCH A DRASTIC MEASURE, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT IT.

QUOTE I HOPE THAT THE GOVERNORS AND MAYORS WILL SUPPORT AND REINFORCE THESE ACTIONS BY TAKING SIMILAR STEPS AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL. WE HAVE ALREADY LEARNED FROM THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS OF ENERGY CAN BE SAVED BY CURTAILING UNNECESSARY OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND REDUCING HIGHWAY SPEEDLIMITS.

QUOTE IT WOULD BE REASSURING IF THESE STEPS ALONE WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM, BUT THEY ARE NOT ENOUGH. ADDITIONAL STEPS MUST BE TAKEN -- TO CONSERVE ENERGY, TO INCREASE OUR ENERGY SUPPLIES, AND TO HARMONIZE OUR ENERGY NEEDS WITH OUR CONCERNS FOR A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT. AND TO TAKE THOSE STEPS, WE MUST HAVE ACTION IN THE CONGRESS. I AM THEREFORE ASKING THE CONGRESS
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TONIGHT TO GIVE URGENT ATTENTION TO THE EMERGENCY ENERGY ACT OF 1973.

QUOTE THIS LEGISLATION WOULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY TO RELAX ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS ON A TEMPORARY, CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, SAVING AS MUCH AS 200,000 BARRELS OF OIL A DAY.

QUOTE IN ADDITION, THE LEGISLATION I PROPOSE WOULD ALLOW THE PRESIDENT TO PROTECT OUR ENERGY SUPPLIES:
-- BY MAKING EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS;
BY IMPOSING SPECIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES;
AND BY LEVYING FEES TO DISCOURAGE EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS.

QUOTE THE EMERGENCY ENERGY ACT WOULD ALSO AUTHORIZE INCREASED PRODUCTION FROM OUR NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES. I KNOW SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT ONLY A MILITARY EMERGENCY SHOULD JUSTIFY TAPPING THESE RESOURCES -- BUT IN MY JUDGMENT, THAT CRITERION IS NO LONGER REALISTIC. THESE RICH RESERVES LAY UNTOUCHED ALL THROUGH WORLD WAR II, ALL THROUGH THE KOREAN WAR AND ALL THROUGH THE WAR IN VIETNAM. IN ANY FUTURE WAR, IT WOULD TAKE LONGER TO PUT MOST OF THESE RESOURCES INTO PRODUCTION THAN THAT WAR WOULD BE LIKELY TO LAST.

QUOTE THE ELK HILL RESERVES IN CALIFORNIA COULD ALONE PRODUCE MORE THAN 160,000 BARRELS A DAY -- ENOUGH TO HEAT 500,000 HOMES. IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO LET THESE RESERVES LIE IDLE FOR AN UNLIKELY NEED TOMORROW WHILE WE ASK OUR PEOPLE TO MAKE SACRIFICES TODAY.

QUOTE I HOPE THE EMERGENCY ENERGY ACT WILL RECEIVE PROMPT AND FAVORABLE ATTENTION IN THE CONGRESS. THE ENERGY CRISIS IS A BIPARTISAN CONCERN AND IT MUST BE MET BY A BIPARTISAN RESPONSE. THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT TO PRODUCE AN ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM OR A CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM, A REPUBLICAN BILL OR A DEMOCRATIC BILL. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO PUT TOGETHER A PROGRAM THAT MEETS AMERICA'S NEEDS -- AND WE MUST PROCEED IN THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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SPIRIT.

QUOTE LET ME TURN NOW TO THE LONGER RANGE PROBLEM -- DEVELOPING AN INDEPENDENT ENERGY CAPACITY. AS WE FACE THIS PROBLEM, WE WOULD DO WELL TO THINK BACK TO OTHER PERIODS IN AMERICAN HISTORY WHEN WE HAD TO MAKE ENORMOUS ADVANCES IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

QUOTE THERE HAVE BEEN MANY.

QUOTE LET ME MENTION JUST TWO.

QUOTE ONE CAME DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR WHEN WE DECIDED TO FOCUS OUR ENORMOUS BRAIN POWER AND OUR GREAT ECONOMIC POWER IN AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO UNLOCK THE MYSTERIES OF ATOMIC ENERGY. THE PROJECT WHICH WE SET UP TO MEET THAT GOAL WAS CALLED THE MANHATTAN PROJECT -- AND WITHIN A FEW SHORT YEARS THE MANHATTAN PROJECT HELPED US END THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC.

QUOTE WHAT WE NEED IN THE 1970'S IS ANOTHER MANHATTAN PROJECT -- NOT TO END A WAR BUT TO BUILD A PEACE THAT ALL OF OUR PEOPLE CAN SHARE TOGETHER.

QUOTE OR CONSIDER A SECOND, MORE RECENT EXAMPLE. RESPONDING TO THE SPUTNIK CHALLENGE IN THE LATE 1950'S, WE DECIDED TO FOCUS OUR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL GENIUS ON THE FRONTIERS OF SPACE. WE PLEDGED TO PUT A MAN ON THE MOON BEFORE 1970 -- AND ON JULY 20, 1969, NEIL ARMSTRONG MADE THAT HISTORIC "GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND."

QUOTE WHAT WE NEED NOW IS ANOTHER APOLLO PROJECT -- NOT TO CONQUER THE FRONTIERS OF SPACE BUT TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE ON EARTH.

QUOTE THE LESSONS OF APOLLO AND THE LESSONS OF MANHATTAN WERE THE SAME LESSONS THAT ARE TAUGHT BY THE WHOLE OF AMERICAN HISTORY: WHEN YOU GIVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE A CLEAR GOAL AND A CHALLENGE TO MEET IT, THEY CAN DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS. CONFIDENTIAL

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QUOTE THE UNITED STATES CONTAINS ONLY 6 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION, BUT WE CONSUME FULLY ONE-THIRD OF THE WORLD'S ENERGY OUTPUT. THAT IS A MEASURE OF OUR NEED FOR ENERGY. THE PRESENT SHORTAGES ARE A CLEAR WARNING THAT WE MUST DEVELOP THE CAPACITY TO RELY UPON OUR OWN RESOURCES.

QUOTE LET US PLEDGE TONIGHT, IN THE SPIRIT OF APOLLO AND WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE MANHATTAN PROJECT, THAT BY THE END OF THIS DECADE, AMERICA WILL HAVE DEVELOPED THE CAPACITY TO MEET ITS OWN ENERGY NEEDS.

QUOTE WE HAVE ALREADY MADE A SIGNIFICANT START IN THAT DIRECTION. LAST JUNE I ANNOUNCED A TEN BILLION DOLLAR ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS. THIS PAST OCTOBER I ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR AN IMMEDIATE ACCELERATION OF THAT PROGRAM.

QUOTE THESE AMOUNTS ARE COMPARABLE TO THE AMOUNTS WE SPENT ON THE MANHATTAN PROJECT. BUT AS WE LEARNED IN THE 1940'S, MONEY IS ONLY ONE OF THE INGREDIENTS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS. WE MUST ALSO HAVE A TRULY UNIFIED NATIONAL COMMITMENT.

QUOTE TONIGHT I URGE THE CONGRESS TO COMPLETE FINAL ACTION ON THE ALASKAN PIPELINE BILL WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS. I ALSO ASK, AS I HAVE ON SEVERAL OTHER OCCASIONS, THAT THE CONGRESS ACT BEFORE THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF DEEPWATER PORTS, DEREGULATION OF NATURAL GAS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW STANDARDS FOR SURFACE MINING.

QUOTE IN THE COMING YEAR, IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE CONGRESS WILL ACT ON MY PROPOSALS FOR THE CREATION OF A DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND AN INDEPENDENT ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION. THIS IS THE ORGANIZATIONAL MACHINERY WE NEED TO REACH OUR EVENTUAL GOAL OF SELF SUFFICIENCY.

QUOTE THE CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION ARE UNITED
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IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO MEET OUR ENERGY NEEDS. WE MUST NOW UNITE IN PROVIDING THE MEANS TO CARRY OUT THAT COMMITMENT.

QUOTE BUT LET US REMEMBER ONE IMPORTANT THING -- NO MATTER HOW RAPIDLY PROGRESS COMES, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AVOID CERTAIN PERSONAL DISCOMFORTS AND ECONOMIC

DISLOCATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WHAT WE CAN CONTROL TO SOME EXTENT IS THE SEVERITY OF THESE INCONVENIENCES. AND ONE OF THE CRITICAL FACTORS IN HOW WELL WE HANDLE THIS PROBLEM WILL BE THE SPIRIT AND THE ATTITUDE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN.

QUOTE IN THE COURSE OF MEETING THIS PROBLEM, I SHALL BE REPORTING TO YOU WHEN AND AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE. MEANWHILE, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL LEAD THE WAY BY MAKING THE SAME CUTBACKS AND BY ACCEPTING THE SAME INCONVENIENCES THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL ENCOUNTER. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO REDUCE ITS ANTICIPATED ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY SEVEN PERCENT. THE CUTBACKS AT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES KNOW THAT THEY MUST SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND I THINK THEY CAN BE PROUD OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED ALREADY.

QUOTE SOME OF MY ADVISORS HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT I NOT DISCUSS THIS ENERGY PROBLEM WITH YOU IN TERMS AS DIRECT AS THOSE I HAVE USED. THEIR CONCERN WAS A PROPER ONE -- TO AVOID CREATING ALARM AMONG A PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO BEAR SO MUCH IN RECENT MONTHS. BUT MY INTEREST IN SPEAKING WITH YOU AS I HAVE WAS PRECISELY TO AVOID CREATING ALARM, AND TO DO SO BY LAYING THE FACTS OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY SHORTAGE BEFORE YOU, AND BY TELLING YOU WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS SHORTAGE MIGHT BE.

QUOTE NO PEOPLE HAVE EVER PERFORMED MORE NOBLY THAN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHEN CALLED UPON TO UNITE IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY. I AM SUPREMELY CONFIDENT THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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WHILE THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD MAY BE A TIME OF SOME HARDSHIP FOR MANY OF YOU, THEY WILL ALSO BE A TIME OF RENEWED COMMITMENT AND CONSECRATION TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

QUOTE WE HAVE AN ENERGY CRISIS BUT THERE IS NO CRISIS OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT. WITH THAT CONVICTION, LET US GO FORWARD, DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, TAKING PRIDE IN THE DOING OF IT, AND TAKING RENEWED STRENGTH FROM THE AWAKENED AWARENESS THIS GIVES US OF OUR OWN GREATNESS AS A PEOPLE.

QUOTE THANK YOU AND GOOD EVENING. RUSH

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